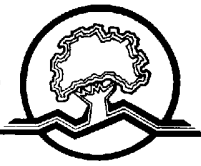


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MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Los Angeles River Center and Gardens
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Los Angeles, California 90065
Phone (323) 221-9944 Fax (323) 221-9934

June 5, 2007

Ms. Elizabeth Cheadle
Chairperson
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
5750 Ramirez Canyon
Malibu, CA 90265

**Grant Application - Proposition 40
Towsley Canyon Improvements**

Dear Ms. Cheadle:

I am pleased to present the enclosed application for Proposition 40 grant funding for the Towsley Canyon Improvements. The MRCA requests a grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002 which provides \$2.6 billion in bond funds for projects and grants for neighborhood parks, outdoor recreation, protection of wildlife habitat, open space, rangeland, clean beaches, water quality and watershed protection and restoration, air pollution projects, and preservation of cultural and historic resources. Proposition 40 allocates \$40 million to the SMMC for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration, and protection of land and water resources in accordance with the Conservancy Act. (PRC Section 5096.650(b)).

Please refer to the enclosed application for more information. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact our project manager, Lisa Soghor, at 323-221-9944, extension 105.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Lange', written over a horizontal line.

George Lange
Vice Chairperson

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY GRANT APPLICATION			
Project Name: Towsley Canyon Capital Improvements		Amount of Request: \$ 250,000 Total Project Cost: \$ 250,000	
Applicant Name: Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority		Amount of Match: \$ 0 Source of Match: n/a	
Applicant Address: 570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100 Los Angeles, CA 90065		Project Address: 24255 The Old Road Newhall, California	
		County	Senate District
		Los Angeles	
Phone: 323-221-9944 Fax: 323-221-9934		Email: Lisa.Soghor@mrca.ca.gov	
Grantee's Authorized Representative:			
Cara McLane, Contracts Officer		323-221-9944, x117	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Person with day-to-day responsibility for project:			
Lisa Soghor, Chief of Developed Resources		323-221-9944, x105	
<i>Name and Title</i>		<i>Phone</i>	
Brief Scope of Work (60 words maximum): Capital improvements to Towsley Canyon's visitor-serving amenities including the Towsley Lodge, park restrooms, picnic areas, landscaping, fencing and interpretive signage.			
Funding Source Applied for: Proposition 40			
Narrative/Project Description: <p>Towsley Canyon offers numerous visitor serving amenities with easy access just off the I-5 freeway. Trails for hiking, mountain biking, and equestrian use lead visitors through an astonishing variety of habitat types. Towsley Lodge sits atop a large green knoll surrounded by cottonwoods. The lodge is used by visitors for meetings, weddings and small group overnights. Towsley Canyon burned in the fires of October 2003. MRCA staff saved the structures in the canyon including the lodge. In the heavy storms of the 2004-05 winter, the road in the park was damaged where it crossed the creek. The road has been repaired using FEMA funds.</p> <p>While most of the facilities in the park are currently functional, some select capital improvements will make the park into a prime destination. Renovations need to be made to the Towsley Lodge including but not limited to roof repair, restroom renovation, new HVAC systems, lighting upgrades, replacement of exterior and interior finishes, and new meeting and overnight furniture.</p> <p>The large shady, lawn that spreads out just below the lodge serves as a lovely informal picnic area and special event space. The large trees in the lawn and in the surrounding landscape suffered in the 2003 fire. Some need to be removed and replaced with new trees such as sycamores and oaks. Irrigation to the lawn and planted areas also needs to be improved. Additional capital expenditures are necessary to provide safe and enjoyable public access including some new fencing and interpretive signage.</p>			

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It is anticipated that the improvements to the park would be completed by both in-house staff and outside consultants.

Tasks / Milestones:		Budget:	Completion Date
1	Design and Project Management	\$ 50,000	June 30, 2009
2	Construction	\$ 200,000	June 30, 2009
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Acquisition Projects:	APN(s):	n/a
	Acreage:	n/a

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Interim Form SMM-001